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Bao et al.

Serial No.: 10/735,357

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Examiner: Bradley L. Sisson

Group Art Unit: 1634

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application:

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
  - a) Response to Office Action dated May 3, 2007.
2. With respect to fees:
  - a) No fee is required at the present time.
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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office action dated May 3, 2007, regarding a non-compliant amendment. The undersigned representative thanks the Examiner for the teleconference of May 24, 2007 regarding further clarification of the Office action and prior restriction requirement. Specifically, the Examiner had indicated that claims 9 and 11 had the wrong status identifier. The status identifier for claims 9 and 11 as well as 14-17, 19-22 and 163 have been modified as a result of the teleconference between the Examiner and undersigned representative. In addition, claim 158 was further amended for clarification purposes. No new matter has been introduced into the application as a result of the present amendment. Attached is the replacement "Amendment to the Claims" section to the Response filed on March 2, 2007 to the Office action dated January 31, 2007.

Prompt consideration and entry of this amendment is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned representative if the Examiner believes this would be helpful in expediting the prosecution.

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